MINUTES
University Council Steering Committee
Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Barnhart, Bishop, Block, G. Chen, J. Chen, Doederlein, Hathaway, Hunt, Millhorn, Saborío, Scherer, Wang

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: An, Andree

I. CALL TO ORDER

University Council (UC) Executive Secretary L. Saborío called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

L. Saborío verified that a quorum was present.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

R. Scherer moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by R. Hunt. Motion passed by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2018 MINUTES

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by F. Barnhart. One typo was identified for correction. Motion to approve minutes with typo correction passed by voice vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

L Saborío asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

VI. ITEMS FOR UC STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL DRAFT AGENDA – Pages 2-14

Cyber Security Update – L. Saborío noted that this presentation scheduled for the May 2 UC meeting is in response to a University Council member’s earlier request.
Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 2.6, Resources, Space and Budget Committee – C. Doederlein will introduce this second reading at the May 2 UC meeting.

Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 4, Election Procedures of the University Council – T. Arado will introduce this second reading at the May 2 UC meeting. Members discussed security issues related to electronic polling/voting.

Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – L. Saborío reported that K. Thu will lead the UC members through this election process during the May 2 UC meeting.

Student Association – C. Wang reported that Student Senate elections were held Sunday, April 15. Naomi Bolden was elected 2018-19 Speaker of the Senate. C. Wang also reported on issues related to the State Street Initiative restricted parking.

Proposed resolution in support of March For Our Lives – C. Wang will present this proposed resolution at the May 2 UC meeting.

Operating Staff Council – B. Andree was not present, but it is anticipated that she will give a verbal report at the May 2 UC meeting.

Supportive Professional Staff Council – C. Doederlein will give a verbal report at the May 2 UC meeting. She also reported that she was recently re-elected for a two-year term.

President’s Announcements – It was suggested that Acting President Freeman provide a brief legislative update at the May 2 UC meeting.

Presidential Search – J. Hathaway asked for a status update on the presidential search. L. Saborío reported that the Presidential Search Planning Committee working groups are completing their assignments and will make their presentations to the full committee in June. The presidential search is expected to be launched in Fall 2018.

T. Bishop moved to approve the May 2 UC agenda per above discussion, seconded by C. Wang. Motion passed by voice vote.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

R. Hunt moved to adjourn, seconded by R. Scherer. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.